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**Sent:** 4/8/2019 2:45:14 PM  
**To:** Dunlap, David [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=591eb15a268249dda0c05a7451f765c3-Dunlap, Dav]  
**CC:** Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]  
**Subject:** FW: Approval: Media inquiry on status of crumb rubber study

Hello David,

We are about to send this to the reporter

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**From:** Sauerhage, Maggie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2019 5:28 PM  
**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Approval: Media inquiry on status of crumb rubber study

Below has been updated and approved by David Dunlap. Ok to send?

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**From:** Sauerhage, Maggie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 2:09 PM  
**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Approval: Media inquiry on status of crumb rubber study

Below response was taken from public information on the tire crumb study website, as well as publicly posted pdfs. Is this okay to send?

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**From:** Sauerhage, Maggie  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2019 9:41 PM  
**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Media inquiry on status of crumb rubber study

Follow up on tire crumb - I don't have any additional emails from this reporter or see any in the press box since I sent her the statement on March 27th so I'm not sure who she tried to contact. I will check with the program to see if there's anything else they want to say.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Marjie Lundstrom <[marjie.lundstrom@fairwarning.org](mailto:marjie.lundstrom@fairwarning.org)>  
**Date:** April 4, 2019 at 9:14:06 PM EDT  
**To:** "Sauerhage, Maggie" <[Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov](mailto:Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Media inquiry on status of crumb rubber study

Greetings.

I am following up on my multiple phone and email inquiries regarding the 2016 crumb rubber study. I am now on deadline, and I have been unable for two weeks to connect with anyone by phone at any of the three agencies to answer my more specific questions.

My deadline is close of business Monday, April 8.

The ATSDR referred me to the EPA. You cut and pasted a paragraph from your web site that does not address most of my specific questions. My followup call for clarification was not returned. I have heard nothing from the CPSC.

Specifically, I am trying to understand why the project has missed multiple deadlines about the issuing of preliminary findings and conclusions (targets were announced for the end of 2016 and for 2017, both of them missed). I am unclear on exactly what will be released next in two parts, and when. Will any preliminary findings or conclusions be released in Part 1? When can we expect Part 1? (You say only early 2019.) Can you say more about the additional data collection as posted in the Federal Register of Dec. 26, 2018? (I assume that is Part 2, but that is another question I have.) Has a contractor been selected? What is the timeline for that piece of the study? More generally, how does your work intersect (or not) with the work going on in California?

I am hoping you can arrange an interview as soon as possible to answer these basic questions about the status of this important study. Thanks for your prompt attention. – Marjie

On Wed, Mar 27, 2019 at 6:04 AM Sauerhage, Maggie <[Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov](mailto:Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Marjie,

The draft report on the *Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds* was sent for external peer-review in May 2018. EPA and CDC are currently working to address peer review comments. The Agencies plan to release the report in two parts. The first part summarizing the Tire Crumb Rubber Characterization Study will be released for public comment in 2019. The second part, which will include information from a biomonitoring study that CDC/ATSDR is currently initiating, will be released at a later date. For more information about the study and timeline, see our website on the Federal Research on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields at <https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/federal-research-recycled-tire-crumb-used-playing-fields>.

Thanks,

Maggie

Maggie Sauerhage

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**From:** Marjie Lundstrom <[marjie.lundstrom@fairwarning.org](mailto:marjie.lundstrom@fairwarning.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 1:35 PM

**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Media inquiry on status of crumb rubber study

Greetings. I am trying to find the appropriate person to answer questions I have about the status of the crumb rubber study, which appears to have been extended again. Is there anyone who can tell me what has been done so far in evaluating recycled tire crumb used on playing fields and playgrounds, and why the study is being extended? I'd like to wrap up this piece this week. Thanks much. - Marjie

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